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CDFA Friday Special from Harry Allen

CDFA Seeks Strategic and Catalytic Development Finance Solutions
-- Submit Your Innovative Deal, Project or Program to Present
@ the 2018 CDFA National Development Finance Summit --

Planning is underway for the **2018 CDFA National Development Finance Summit** this November 7-9 in Dallas, TX. This year marks CDFA's 32nd National Summit.

Following on last year's overwhelming success, we are excited to bring back our innovative event format. Once again, the **CDFA National Summit** will be a forward-thinking event, focused on the current wave of cutting edge deals, projects and programs in development finance. In 2018, the theme will focus on *strategic and catalytic development finance solutions*. The **CDFA National Summit** will explore deals, projects and programs that expand private-sector capital investment.

CDFA needs your help to source deals, projects and programs. Through May 18, CDFA will be accepting submissions for potential deals, projects and program presentations. Deal, projects or programs must fit into one of the following broad categories:

- **Manufacturing** - Advanced, Small Manufacturers, Rural
- **Environment** - Water, Clean Energy, EE/RE, Resiliency, Brownfields
- **Infrastructure** - Transportation, Parking, Transit, Green Infrastructure
- **Housing** - Mixed-use, Affordable, Rural, Assisted Living
- **Arts & Culture** - 501(c)3, Tourism, Creative Industries, Historic
- **Revitalization** - Brownfields, Redevelopment, Adaptive-Reuse
- **Health & Higher Education** - Hospitals, Clinics, Charter School, Universities
- **Food & Agriculture** - Food Systems, Farming, Scarcity
- **Access to Capital** - Crowdfunding, Entrepreneurs, Small/Minority/Women Owned Business

CDFA is looking for diversity in the deals, projects and programs that present. Submissions are encouraged to focus on leveraging private-sector capital using a public-sector financing approach. CDFA will place an emphasis on bonds, tax increment, tax credits, access to capital funds, EB-5, special assessment and early stage capital. Deals, projects or programs that include multiple funding sources are highly encourage. Complex and innovative uses of financing to solve private sector market challenges is critical.

Presentation Details

Please note the following important session considerations prior to submitting.

- Each speaker will be given one complimentary registration to attend the CDFA National Summit. This complimentary registration covers all CDFA National Summit events from November 7-9. It does not cover pre-Summit workshops and/or trainings. No other compensation (travel/hotel) is provided.

- Each session may be selected to present twice during the CDFA National Summit. Speakers/panelists should expect to be at the event for entire duration.

- CDFA encourages a “low-tech” approach to sessions. Speakers are welcome to use PowerPoint presentations but they are not required. Innovative session approaches are highly encouraged.

- Each session will be appointed a CDFA selected moderator to facilitate the session on-site.

- CDFA may combine similar submissions together to form comprehensive sessions. Submissions should expect to be part of a group presentation.

- CDFA highly encourages private and public sector partners to collaborate on submissions. Collaborative sessions will be given greater consideration.

Submission Requirements

CDFA encourages all session proposals to be submitted on the CDFA website. Fill out the online form with requested information by May 18, 2018.

>>>Submit Now

By early July, CDFA will make selections and notify presenters.

About the CDFA National Summit

The **2018 CDFA National Development Finance Summit** will be held at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel in Dallas, TX from November 7-9.

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